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BIRTHS.

At Montreux, Switzerland, on the 14th March, the wife of J. RUSSELL BRAZIER, H. I. M. Customs Service, of a son. (By telegram.)
At Maplehurst, Bobbling Well Road, Shanghai, on 18th instant, the wife of J. R. TWENTYMAN, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 19th March, 1894, at the Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., THOMAS PEMBERTON, to FLORENCE MARIAN RAWLINSON.

On the 28th March, 1894, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. F. A. Cobbold, W. G. WINTERBURN, to LIZZIE WATSON, of Toronto, Canada.

DEATH.

At Cairo, on the 21st instant, PETER VENTNOR GRANT, of Shanghai, in his 52nd year.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

THE EMPERORS.

LONDON, March 26th.
The Emperor of Austria is to visit the German Emperor, who is at present staying at Absberg. Persistent reports are in circulation of an intended meeting between the Czar and the Emperor of Germany, to take place in the autumn.

MILITARY RETRENCHMENT.

The Paris correspondent of the Times gives currency to statements derived from various sources, including private remarks made by the King of Denmark, showing that Austria, Russia, Germany, and Italy, are favourably disposed to the adoption of a joint policy of military retrenchment, to which, it is believed, France would not object.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ERNEST CAMILLE SIVORI, the celebrated violinist, died at Genoa on Feb. 19th.

THE French gunboat *Comble* returned to Shanghai from the Yangtze ports on the 19th inst.

A RATHER serious engagement between the Dutch troops and Chinese so-called rebels was reported in Penang on the 17th inst.

A FULL dress rehearsal of the Living Chess game, to be played next Saturday, will be held at East Point to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THE *Mercury* believes that Mr. H. F. B. Brady, who arrived in Shanghai on the 20th inst. by the German mail, goes to Ichang as British Consul.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tacoma* arrived at Victoria, B.C., on the 26th inst., from Japan.

JAPANESE papers state that the dispute between the Silk Merchants' Guild and Messrs. Rosenthal & Co. of Yokohama has been amicably settled, and that the boycott will be removed.

It is reported in Shanghai that the Foreign Ministers at Peking have approved of the new Customs Regulations with regard to the importation of machinery into China.

Young Green—I think I'll go to Shanghai next week.
Old Soak—Better stay here, we'll hear about it just the same!

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the report on the trade of China, and abstract of statistics for the year 1893, published by the Imperial Maritime Customs in Shanghai.

A FOND mother, who is evidently 'up to snuff,' suggests that the Municipal Council should present all the babies born in Shanghai during the Jubilee year, with Jubilee medals.

An emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Indian Engineering says that the results of pretty extensive trials made on the Bombay Railways show that the Japanese coal lately introduced there is not so good as Barakur and Sanctoria coals (Bengal).

A NATIVE telegram, dated Tokyo, March 17th, announces that the sum of ¥54,775 has been paid to the sufferers from the inundations in the prefectures of Ehime, Okayama, Tottori, Shimane, and Oita, last year.

Star Comedian—"What plan shall I adopt to fill the house at my benefit?"
Old Soak—"Invite your creditors and give free drinks at the bar. Mine's the same old thing—whisky and shoda."

THE Throne, according to a decree of the 19th instant telegraphed to Shanghai, has sanctioned the retirement on account of sickness of General T'eng of Kiangchow (Hainan Island), and appoints Brigadier-General Yang T'ien-tien to the vacant post.

A NEW Libel Bill has lately become law in the State of Georgia which exempts newspapers from damages. The old libel law of Georgia was very severe and allowed exemplary damages. The new law recognizes a retraction as full satisfaction for any publication.

THE next meeting of the Hongkong "Odd Volumes" will be held at the Chambers, Bank Buildings, on Friday, 30th inst. at 9 p.m. The evening will be devoted to "Impromptu Speeches." The opening of the debates and the subjects will be drawn by lot.

ACCORDING to the *Taiwan Gazette* the Shinli (or Shinyu) colliery at Korat-gum, Fukuoka, ken, caught fire on the 15th inst. Of the 75 colliers who were at the time in the mine, 15 were burnt to death. Though the shaft was closed, the fire still burnt, and water was pumped into it. The cause of the fire was not known.

A SAN FRANCISCO contemporary states that in the drawing-room of the residence of Mrs. U. S. Grant at Coronado Beach, San Diego, the other week, John S. Mosby, of the Confederate guerrilla battalion fame, once Consul for the United States at Hongkong, and Robert T. Lincoln, son of President Lincoln, were guests at the same time. The meeting was informal and proved very pleasant.

THE *Siam Observer* says that the First Yot trial will shortly be succeeded by one of a different nature—the investigation into the circumstances attending the arrest, by the Siamese, of Ban Ben, in 1891. It may be remembered that Ban Ben held an official position near Luang Prabang, under French authority, and was arrested by the Siamese, who contended that the territory belonged to Siam. He was released last year, and returned to the French.

It will be remembered, says our Shanghai morning contemporary, that some nine years ago a robbery of £10,000 in gold bars took place on board the *Fungshun* under peculiar circumstances. No trace whatever could be got at the time of the thief or thieves, but recently suspicion was fixed on a Chinaman in Nippon, where he has been living since the robbery. He bought land and built houses on it inside the native city, and has now been recognized as the thief of the *Fungshun*, and he was arrested the other day on suspicion of being the person who stole the gold bars.

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THE departure of Colonel Denby, U.S. Minister, leaves Count Cassel, Russia's representative, days of the Foreign Ministers at Peking.

Coddle—What's uglier than a woman when she's mad?
Doddle—Why, two of them, of course!

Mr. N. R. O'CONNOR, H.B.M. Minister at Peking, intends paying Shanghai a visit at an early date, according to our contemporary the *Mercury*.

We hear that the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders have arranged to give their final dance of the season in the City Hall on Friday, the 13th April.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the steamship *Glaucus* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due on or about the 2nd proximo.

MR. KOBAYASHI, the editor of the *Bokei Shinbun*, is announced as a passenger to China and India by the *Mitsushima*, his object being to investigate the conditions of Eastern trade.

A REGULAR meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Monday, the 2nd proximo, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

MONSIEUR Gabriel Lemaire, late Minister for France at Peking, who has been recalled by the French Government, proceeds to Marseilles by the Pacific Maritime steamer *Calcutta*, which is advertised to leave here on Wednesday, April 4th.

OWING to ill-health Colonel Charles Denby, United States Minister to China, has obtained leave of absence, and will proceed for a trip to Europe by the next French mail. The Minister, who intends staying for some time in Paris, will be accompanied by Mrs. Denby and his son, Mr. Edward Denby, of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs.

AFTER some delay and trouble with the Customs authorities the British tank steamer *Elar*, from Batoum with a cargo of bulk oil for Shanghai, was allowed to go alongside the oil-tanks at Pootung, and afterwards received a permit to discharge her cargo, on the agents, Messrs. Arnold, Harberg & Co., giving a guarantee that if any damage is done by the oil, they will be responsible.

AT 9.45 this morning a fire, resulting in damage estimated at \$6,000, broke out on the ground floor of No. 17, Lower Lascar Row, a clothes dealer's store, and before the Fire Brigade obtained mastery over the flames the house in which the blaze originated was completely gutted, as well as the upper portion of the adjoining house, No. 19. As usual the cause of the fire is unknown, but as the premises were uninsured to suspicion of arson attaches to the tenants.

SAVES THE *Peking and Tientsin Times*.—A recent telegram from Canton states that the Hon. John W. Foster, Secretary of State under the Harcourt Administration, is expected at Tientsin, on or about the 23rd instant, en route for Peking. It is understood that orders have gone forth from the Tsung-li Yamen that he is to be received with great distinction throughout China. Mr. Foster has had an enviable career as a diplomat, having been successively Minister to Mexico, Russia, and Spain. He resigned his position as Secretary of State shortly before the Democrats came into power, to assume charge of the Bureau of Sea Commerce for the United States, that met in Paris last spring. Since the settlement of the Fur Seal dispute by arbitration he has been making a tour of the world with his family and suite. Mr. Sheridan P. Reed, United States Consul at Tientsin, is, we believe, closely related to Mr. Foster.

WHAT form the future government of Brazil may take it is, of course, impossible to say at the present juncture. We have heard that the revolution is at hand, but we taking it as a working hypothesis, the terms of the settlement now under consideration. Marshal Pinheiro and Admiral de Mello came out of the struggle scabious or a head short; or whether the conflict terminated in an ignominious compromise. If, however, the Brazilians, tired of ignominious republican strife, should elect to return to imperialism, there is a promising young Prince at their disposal in Dom Pedro d'Alcantara, son of the Comandante do Ex, the only child of the late Emperor Dom Pedro. It was asserted at one time that the object of Admiral de Mello's intervention was the restoration of the Dom Pedro dynasty, which is likely enough. The young Prince is eighteen, and is calmly pursuing his studies at the Military Academy in Vienna, in ignorance, it was said, of the use which political rumour was making of his name. He is said to show great aptitude as a linguist, a useful accomplishment for an Emperor. Except that he has a separate bedroom, and the assistance of a special tutor, he is on the same footing as his fellow students.

At the Magistrate's this morning Mr. Hastings continued the hearing of the charge brought by Constable Graham against L. A. Alroy, licensee of the Sing Hotel, Mr. Carruthers, a marine engineer, and W. Goulbourn, who were in the lower bar on the night of the 7th instant when it was alleged, liquor was sold and drunk after prohibited hours, gave evidence to the effect that no one but boarders were served with liquor at the time stated by the police, no money was taken and that as a matter of fact the "blue jacket" in the bar had engaged rooms for the night and was thereon the house for the night. It was further stated that no system of liquor was served after hours, and that Mr. Alroy refused admittance to the police on the ground that at the time when Graham demanded admittance it was too late to open the house. Notwithstanding that evidence and the fact that one of the two witnesses for the prosecution, Constable Carnegie, stated he saw silver money passed over the counter, while Constable Graham swore positively he saw paper money, landed in payment for the drinks alleged to have been served after hours, his Worship found defendant guilty and fined him \$50 for "allowing intoxicating liquor to be sold and drunk on his premises after prohibited hours," and \$25 for "unlawfully refusing admittance to the police on the morning of the 8th instant contrary to Ordinance No. 11 of 1889." His Worship then immediately proceeded to hear evidence in the charge preferred against Mr. Alroy by Sergeant George Phelps, No. 1, for "allowing intoxicating liquor to be sold and drunk on his premises after prohibited hours." At 11.30 a.m. on the 28th inst. Sergeant Phelps' evidence was then led to show that the defendant sold liquor after prohibited hours, but there was not a little of proof of liquor having been drunk there after hours. Mr. Ellis, who appeared for the defence, demanded an acquittal at this juncture on the ground that the charges of the prosecution, Phelps, were not substantiated, but his Worship overruled him and proceeded to take the evidence of Constable Graham, who corroborated his superior officer's allegations. Mr. S. W. Schmitt was then examined for the defence and asked that liquor had been either sold or drunk there after prohibited hours. Mr. S. W. Schmitt at this juncture demanded the further hearing of the case and withdrew.

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THE Shanghai native paper *Shinghsu* states that it has received news from Seoul to the effect that a conspiracy of some twenty-seven persons, belonging to the Min clan—the family now in power—has been exposed and the men arrested, before their plans could be matured and brought into execution. The design was to set fire to the railways on the 1st day of the Chinese New Year (6th February) and during the confusion that would arise, the conspirators were to kill the King of Corea and proclaim one of their own clan King in his stead.

We understand that Mr. W. M. B. Arthur, first clerk at the Magistracy, will shortly take a trip to England (in twelve months leave of absence, and that Mr. J. W. Jones, assistant master at the Central School, will act as his *locum tenens*. Mr. Arthur has worked hard for many years in a trying position and has fairly earned a lengthy holiday, but what has become of Governor Robinson's grand scheme, brought forth with such a flourish of trumpets, of filling all vacant clerkships in the Government Service with Portuguese? Collapsed, of course, like a great many more of his Excellency's foolish notions, as the *Telegraph* at the time confidently predicted would be the case.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

For some time past considerable inconvenience has been caused throughout the colony owing to a scarcity of water, and matters reached a climax last Friday, when not a drop of water for domestic purposes was obtainable in many parts of the city. This state of things continued until this morning, when, in some districts at least, a very limited supply was turned on. After the notification issued by the Colonial Secretary that a full supply of water would be available from 6 to 10 a.m., and after the 24th inst. the public had a right to expect the fulfilment of that promise, but as above stated, such has not been the case. From Monday morning, owing to there being only 15 feet of fairly clear water left in the deepest part of the greatly vaulted Tiam reservoir, the outflow to the colony has been limited to two and a half inches above what is known as the six-foot gauge! As might be expected, the greatest inconvenience has been caused by this sudden though perhaps necessary action on the part of the Water Authority, and hundreds of taxpayers, chiefly the five west of Pottinger Street, are having to pay ten cents for every two buckets of water, delivered by coolies at their residences, and they have been doing so for the past four days.

A number of complaints having reached this office relative to the astounding action of the authorities in cutting off the supply of water to hundreds of residents, a representative of the *Telegraph* visited Tiam on Easter Monday to see what the state of affairs at the late lamented Mr. Price's "white elephant" might be. And it is well he did so, for now we know the state of the case. There is a copious rainfall within the current week the supply from Tiam will absolutely cease eight days hence. It would appear that instead of making the reservoir as large as it could have been made, the talented constructor failed to cut off several still, which jut out from the hill-sides and partially fill up the area of the basin, and as a consequence Tiam holds only about two-thirds of the water which the massive dam could well contain and deepen the reservoir during the dry season, but so far nothing has been done in this direction. There is a fine stream of spring water, affording virtually an inexhaustible supply (about three hundred feet below and bearing south-east from the foreman's residence at Tiam) which supplies itself near Stanley, and which might without great trouble be utilised by pumping or other means. Seeing that we cannot look forward with any degree of confidence to heavy rains for a month or so to come, the outlook for the general public, and especially for the Chinese, is anything but encouraging, and all we can do at the present juncture is appeal to the authorities to make a clean breast of the matter, so that, whatever the situation, the public may be prepared to it thoroughly and prepare for the inevitable. What we emphatically denounce is a make-believe of a certain daily supply of water when, for some occult reason, there is next to no supply at all.

MACAO NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MACAO, March 26th, 1894.
Tenders for the exclusive right to import and export kerosene oil having been received by the Exchequer, the highest offer, \$8,100 per annum, made by the late salt farmer, was accepted. As the monopoly seriously affects the re-exportation of this article through Macao to the neighbourhood, the Government, in pursuing a policy conducive to its own benefit, is also blocking the way against whatever prospects may yet exist for renewing the commercial prosperity of this Colony.

This year's Lenten services were not up to a "old custom." Macao is getting poorer, so that everything was on a considerably more limited scale than in former times.
Quite a large number of friends and other residents assembled at the principal landing place on Saturday last to receive our new Governor, Major Horta e Costa. The amount of fire-crackers fired off by the Chinese showed that his Excellency has not been forgotten and is also greatly liked by that section of the Macao community. As the Governor is comparatively young and noted for his energy, it is confidently expected that he will work as hard here as he did as our *deputado* in Lisbon on behalf of the colony he is now governing.

Home papers bring the news that the Chief Justice of Macao, Dr. Marques d'Oliveira, has been made a counsellor.
The death of Dr. da Silva Teller was greatly felt by the large number of friends and acquaintances he leaves behind. The deceased had been a medical practitioner here for more than forty years, and was at one time Colonial Surgeon and Chief of the Medical Department.

H.B.M. SUPREME COURT.

(Before N. J. Hanson, Esq., Chief Justice.)
Shanghai, March 19th.

BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS, LD.

v. S. BRYAN.

This was a suit to enforce the payment of calls on 50 shares in the Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Ltd., of which the defendant was the registered holder. Mr. J. C. Hanson (of the firm of Messrs. Dowdall and Hanson) conducted the case for the plaintiff, and the defendant appeared in person.

The defendant admitted his liability, but said he was at present unable to meet the call. His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS, LD.

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This was a similar suit, the defendant being the registered holder of 75 shares in the Bank. The defendant admitted the claim, and stated he was unable to meet the call. His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

JOHN GILPIN UP TO DATE.

The London Lyric Company, on returning to Hongkong (it is stated) will perform a new comic opera entitled "John Gilpin up to Date," the title role to be filled by the Amateur Champion of the *Daily Press*. Our esteemed contemporary has several tame lunatics in stock, but the one who attempts to write sporting and dramatic notes is the cake-scooper. Here is a specimen:—

"Upsilonon" was a citizen
Of very small renown;
For he was one of *Granny's* men,
As it is an awful clown.
He used to write the "Sporting Notes"
(So-called) for the *Daily Press*.
Though we've known lots of billy-goats
That would have bugled less.
But if there ever was a kid
Who could do more to vex
His readers than "Upsilonon" did,
It only could be "X."

For nobody could tell which one
Of them was worse than 'other.
To all appearance, "Upsilonon"
Must have been "X's" brother.

(Before we've any further gone
Here is a point to smile on:—
The man himself says "Up Ceylon"
When he ought to say "Upsilonon.")
But as above remarked, these two
Were awful asses, truly;
Who they were really no one knew
Unless the Office Coolie.

They both wrote for the *Daily Press*;
They wrote a fearful lot.
What it all meant, no one could guess,
It was such tommy rot.

However, it is not their screeds
That caused this present verse;
'Tis not about their words, but deeds,
Which were a great deal worse.

For 'tis a funny story, how
One of them took a ride—
Or rather, tried it on; but now
He's sorry that he tried it!

"His X," as we remarked before,
Was not of much renown
In Hongkong city, any more
Than in his native town.

But he's just had an escape
Deserving to be told
As widely as the one that made
John Gilpin famed of old.
Now X's spouse said to her dear,
"Though wedded we have been
These forty weary years, yet we
No holiday have seen."

"To-morrow let us get two mokes
And go to Pok-tai-lum."
"It would delight the country-folks,
We'd make creation hum!"

Then X replied "I do admire
Of womanhood but one,
And you are she, my dearest dear,
Therefore it shall be done."

"I am a famous sporting man,
As all the world doth know,
So Mr. Davy Kennedy
Will lend us mokes to go."

The ponies came, on Easter Day,
Though X was loath to ride
Too much along a public way
For fear he should be grieved.

With all their fixings *à la mode*,
Brand-new, and spick-and-span,
They started on the Bonham Road
Right over Lap-sap-wan.

But finding soon the path sloped down
Beneath his well-shod feet,
Poor X's pony galloped hard,
Which galled him in his seat.

So "Fair and softly!" X cried out,
But it was all in vain,
The pace increased at every shout
In spite of curb and rein.

So stopping down, as needs he must,
Who cannot sit upright,
He grabbed the mane with both his hands
And yelled with all his might.

The pony never in that sort
Had handled before;
What thing upon his back had got?
He wondered more and more.

Away went X, for "necklor nought,"
Away, too, went his hat;
He little dreamed, when he set out,
Of enjoying himself like that.

John Gilpin, the original
Of *Cowper's* fertile brain,
Rode all the way from Lalington
To Ward and back again.

But this "John Gilpin up to Date,"
This poor misguided X,
In fear of sharing such a fate
Nearly "passed in his checks."

Visions he saw, in his mind's eye,
Fearsfully flash before him;
A horrid death he thought to die,
A child despair, came o'er him.

His wild fancy took him by
Past Stanley and Taltam,
On a step-ladder to D'Agular
And back by Shan-ki-wan.

Then, quick as thought, the poor man sought
To terminate the ride—
To do a flop from off the top
Of the pony, and get inside.

He ceased his cries, he closed his eyes,
He cruelly clenched his teeth,
He breathed a prayer, *few up in the air*—
Then down on the "blasted heath."

"Oh what a fall (or what sprawl)!"
Was there, my countrymen?
If he'd been Killa, he'd have blown to bits
A prominent abdomen.

But in this case, he fell on his face—
And a broken leg it is—

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